

**Series:** The Gospel You Didn't Expect

**Message:** Jesus Loves Hated Peoples

**Texts:** John 4:4-15; 1 John 4:16b-21; Luke 9:51-56; 10:25-37; 17:11-19

**Scripture Reading:** John 4:4-15 **Call to Worship:** 1 John 4:16b-21

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## Introduction: Bigotry Takes All Shapes and Sizes

### I. Jesus and Samaritans (John 4:4-26)

- In his encounter with the Samaritan woman, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation (John 4:7)
- Jesus understands the prejudices, and is ready for her \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:9)
- Jesus guides the conversation to the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:10)
- Jesus genuinely converses about the human \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:11-14)
- When the Samaritans refuse Jesus hospitality, Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_ to his prejudiced disciples (Luke 9:51-56)
- In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Samaritans by intentionally making a Samaritan the hero (Luke 10:25-37)
- Jesus calls the Jewish legal expert to \_\_\_\_\_ the Samaritan (Luke 10:37)
- When Jesus heals 10 lepers, only the one -- a Samaritan -- returns to praise God. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his faith as true and valid (Luke 17:11-19)

### II. The Church and "Samaritan" People

- How do we react to racism? To all forms of \_\_\_\_\_?
- The Apostle John makes God's \_\_\_\_\_ clear on this topic (1 John 4:16b-21)
- Jesus gives us this pattern to follow:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation. (John 4:7)
  2. Be ready for the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:9)
  3. Make the \_\_\_\_\_ your common ground (John 4:10)
  4. Listen to their \_\_\_\_\_ and understand the harsh realities of the human condition (John 4:11-14)
  5. Be quick to address and \_\_\_\_\_ your friends when they act out of their prejudice (Luke 9:51-56)
  6. Honor the \_\_\_\_\_ in all people, and make a special effort to honor those who have been targeted by prejudice (Luke 10:25-37)
  7. Call people to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do right, regardless of the prevailing prejudice (Luke 10:37)
  8. And be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ the genuine faith and praise of all who follow Jesus (Luke 17:11-19)

## Conclusion: What Will You Do Next?



*Love God Extravagantly ~ Love People with Humility ~ Mentor Others to do the Same*

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